

SENATE BILL 1597

By Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-107, relative to sales and possession of firearms and ammunition during states of emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-107(e), is amended by deleting all the language in subdivision (4) and substituting instead the following language:

Subject to any applicable requirements for compensation, commandeer or utilize any private property, excluding firearms and ammunition or firearm or ammunition components, if the governor finds this necessary to cope with the emergency;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-107(e), is further amended by deleting all the language in subdivision (8) and substituting instead the following language:

Suspend or limit the sale, dispensing, or transportation of alcoholic beverages, explosives, and combustibles, excluding firearms and ammunition or firearm or ammunition components;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-107, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(m) During any state of emergency, major disaster or natural disaster, the state, a political subdivision or a public official may not impose additional restrictions on the lawful possession, transfer, sale, transport, carrying, storage, display or use of firearms and ammunition or firearm or ammunition components.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.